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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE**

SIR:

The following is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2006. A request for a one-month extension to the time to respond is included herewith.

The Examiner has rejected all 16 claims of this case, primarily on the ground of being unpatentable over Futawatari Patent No. 6,357,289. Certain claims are rejected as anticipated under §102 by Futawatari and other claims rejected as being obvious over Futawatari in view of the further teachings of Matsuda Patent No. 4,709,341.

Applicant has cancelled claims 15 and 16 and added six new dependent claims, namely claims 17-22, and requests they be considered together with the previously presented claims 1 through 16.

The list of claims is set forth on the following pages.